To: School Superintendents

From: Peter McWalters, Commissioner

Date: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001

Re: School Performance Groupings

This is just to inform you that at their meeting tonight the regents will discuss the department's proposals regarding school-performance groupings. My staff members and I will explain the work the department has been engaged in this year in developing criteria for grouping schools and in determining what actions the department will take to help schools improve student achievement.

Copies of the full packet explaining our work on school-performance groupings were enclosed in the regents' agenda and have been sent to both Maureen Chevrette and Arthur Campbell.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. here at the department.